

Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council Meeting (AISAC)
Work Group Coordination & Funding Task TEAM Session
Thursday, March 5th, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

McMahon, Tom (AGFD - Facilitator)
Aikens, Rory (AGFD)
Umeda, Kai (U of A, Cooperative Extension)
Brock, John (ASU-ret)
Moorhead, Brian (SRP)
O'Brien, Chasa (AGFD)
Eilerts, Bruce (ADOT)
Fahringer, Glenn (AISAC)
Witte, Doug (ASLD)
Hoover, Triska (AGFD)

Call to Order

Tom McMahon called the meeting to order at 9:16am at the Arizona Game and Fish Department – Main Office, Eagle Room, located at 5000 West Carefree Highway, Phoenix, AZ 85086.

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting commenced with introductions.

Approval of Minutes

Acceptance Motioned by Kai U.

Seconded by Doug W. – after some discussion, motion to accept passed.

AISAC Updates

- Tom Mc. discussed AISAC's limited communication with the Governor's office due to the current state budget considerations. The Governor's AISAC webpage has been moved/relocated to Governor Jan Brewer's website and has been updated when requested. The Governor's office has appointed a Natural Resources Policy Advisor – Mr. Michael Anable.
- Tom Mc. discussed HB2157 – Aquatic Invasive Species. Limited discussion revolved around the bills interdiction capabilities and AIS Fund initiation. This legislation was sponsored by Rep. McLain and read to the Committee on Natural Resources and Rural affairs on Monday, March 2. It has initially passed through this Committee on a 7-0 vote.
- Tom Mc. discussed the NISC-ASIC meeting scheduled for May 5-7 in Tucson. Some details available included:
 - Meeting scheduled for the Sheraton (??) in Tucson
 - Main body of meeting on May 5th and 7th
 - May 6th may be used for local IS field trips
 - Tentatively, AISAC will have their quarterly meeting on Thursday, May 7th at the Sheraton in conjunction with the NISC-ASIC meeting. Time TBD. (Later: POSTPONED)

Website Discussion/Review – “Arizona Center for Invasive Species”

- Tom Mc opened this discussion with the purpose of “populating” this website. The various AISAC Work Groups would be tasked to begin the process of gathering and putting information onto the website and monitoring/maintaining various aspects in the future.
- Guest Triska Hoover (current web guru) was introduced and helped lead this discussion/review. With various discussions and consensus, the following items within this website were tasked to the four (4) Work Groups:

- The URL for this website (once functional) will be www.az.gov/invasivespecies
- Main front page – **Tom Mc will update**
- Left Navigation
 - “About AISAC” – **Tom Mc and Brian Mc will update** (Mission, Agency logo’s, etc.)
 - Executive Order
 - Plan
 - Members
 - AISAC Archives
 - “Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)” – **A&O WG**
 - **ALL WG’s** should come up with Q&A’s, 5 to 10 questions??
 - “Outreach” – **A&O WG**
 - Education
 - Campaign Materials
 - “Management Info”
 - Alert Systems (...or Species Alerts??) – **C&M WG**
 - Prevention – **A&O WG**
 - Monitoring – **R&IM WG** (...also in “Resources” tab at top??)
 - Control – **C&M WG**
 - Restoration – **C&M WG**
 - “Partners” – **L&C WG**
 - Stakeholders
 - Weed Management Areas
 - Experts (with **R&IM WG** info...SMEA-Subject Matter Expert Application)
 - “Newsroom” – **A&O WG**
 - Media Contacts
 - News Releases
 - “Regulations” – **R&IM WG** (OPM – Office of Pest Mgmt??) (Chasa R-12-4-406)
- Top Navigation
 - “Species” – **R&IM WG**
 - Perhaps called “Species of Greatest Concern”
 - USDA – Noxious Weed List for Arizona
 - “Resources” – **L&C WG** coordinates, but **ALL WG’s** must contribute
 - Links to other sites
 - Grants – **R&IM WG** (Available thru Ed Northam??)
 - Experts – also from “Partners” section
 - SMEA form (from **R&IM WG**)
- Tom Mc then led discussion on future Work Group meetings (Research & Info Management, Control & Management, Leadership & Coordination, and Anticipation & Outreach) to task website input. He emphasized that the Work Group Co-Leads need to set meeting dates ASAP. Our goal would be to have a living, breathing functional website (...however, not totally complete) by the end of April, 2009.

New Business

- Rory A. discussed the preliminary “Gas Tax Survey for Boaters”. Two questions were asked of boaters concerning quagga mussel. It appears that over 60% of those asked were aware of quagga mussels and among those aware over 80% considered them a major threat.
- Tom Mc discussed the latest “10 most UNWANTED Invasive Species” poster. Arizona Game and Fish is looking to print up a few thousand posters (11” x 17”) for distribution.

Next Task TEAM meeting has not been scheduled (April 30th??)

Meeting adjourned at 11:57am